

Merrimack, NH

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County	Hillsborough
Labor Market Area	Nashua NH-MA NECTA Division, NH Portion
Tourism Region	Merrimack Valley
Planning Commission	Nashua Regional
Regional Development	Gateway Industrial Development Corp.
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 1
Executive Council	District 5
State Senate	District 9
State Representative	Hillsborough County District 19

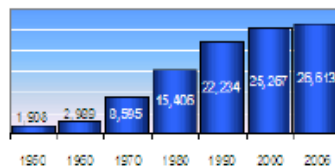
Incorporated: 1746

Origin: This territory was part of the 1673 charter of Dunstable, a large Massachusetts grant that was divided nearly in half with the establishment of the New Hampshire-Massachusetts border in 1741. Though the first log cabin was built here about 1665, settlement did not begin until the 1720s. When the town was separated from Dunstable (Nashua) in 1746, it was incorporated as Merrimack, after the river. In 1766, a ferry concession was granted to Edward Lutwyche, to facilitate trade and traffic between Litchfield and Merrimack. In 1784, the ferry was granted to Revolutionary War patriot Matthew Thornton, an area still known as Thornton's Ferry. Matthew Thornton was a resident of Merrimack until his death in 1803.

Villages and Place Names: Reeds Ferry, Souhegan Village, South Merrimack, Thorntons Ferry

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 819 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Merrimack ranked fifth in both numeric and percent of population increase over 50 years, growing over 13 times larger. Population



change totaled 23,359, from 1,908 in 1950 to 25,267 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was 188 percent between 1960 and 1970. The 2006 Census estimate for Merrimack was 26,613 residents, which ranked eighth among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density, 2006: 815.8 persons per square mile of land area. Merrimack contains 32.6 square miles of land area and 0.8 square miles of inland water area.



Hillsborough County

Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NH Employment Security, 2007. Community Response Received 10/01/07

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MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen/Town Manager
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2007	\$25,548,851
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Zoning Ordinance	1953/06
Master Plan	2002
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Town Council; Library; Ethics; School
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Parks & Recreation; Conservation; Heritage

Public Library Merrimack Public

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Full-time	
Fire Department	Full-time	
Town Fire Insurance Rating	5/9	
Emergency Medical Service	Municipal	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Southern NH Medical Center, Nashua	8 miles	188
St. Joseph Hospital, Nashua	9 miles	208
Catholic Medical Center, Manchester	10 miles	330

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH
Natural Gas Supplier	KeySpan
Water Supplier	Pennichuck Water; Merrimack Village
Sanitation	Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	None
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Yes
Telephone Company	Verizon
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	Business
	Residential

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2006 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$17.46
2006 Equalization Ratio	97.5
2006 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$16.88
2006 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	80.3%
Commercial Land and Buildings	18.9%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	0.9%

HOUSING SUPPLY (NH Office of Energy and Planning)

2006 Total Housing Units	9,803
2006 Single-Family Units	6,912
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	26
2006 Multi-Family Units	2,673
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	59
2006 Manufactured Housing Units	218

DEMOGRAPHICS

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2006	26,613	402,789
2000	25,267	382,384
1990	22,234	336,549
1980	15,406	276,608
1970	8,595	223,941

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender		
Male	12,514	Female 12,605

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	1,731
Age 5 to 19	6,110
Age 20 to 34	4,219
Age 35 to 54	9,183
Age 55 to 64	2,275
Age 65 and over	1,601
Median Age	36 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	92.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher	35.0%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999

(US Census Bureau)

Per capita income	\$27,748
Median 4-person family income	\$72,011
Median household income	\$68,817

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	\$51,725
Female	\$31,528

Families below the poverty level 1.2%

LABOR FORCE

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	1996	2006
Civilian labor force	13,754	16,644
Employed	13,294	16,150
Unemployed	460	494
Unemployment rate	3.3%	3.0%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	1996	2006
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	4,845	3,355
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,001	\$1,421
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	4,692	12,201
Average Weekly Wage	\$556	\$1,353
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	9,537	15,556
Average Weekly Wage	\$782	\$1,367
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	848	1,157
Average Weekly Wage	\$577	\$711
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	10,385	16,714
Average Weekly Wage	\$766	\$1,322

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Merrimack operates grades 1-12** District: **SAU 26**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Wilbur Palmer Voc. Tech. Center, Hudson; Milford HS; Nashua HS North** Region: **16**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	4	1	1	3
Grade Levels	P K 1-6	7-8	9-12	K 1-12
Total Enrollment	2,309	789	1,608	309

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2007: Total Facilities: **18** Total Capacity: **1,057**

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Nashua**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Thomas More; Rivier; St. Anselm; Daniel Webster; Hesser**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Fidelity Investments	Financial services	6,000	1996
PC Connections, Inc.	Computer resale	1,077	1998
BAE Systems	Defense systems	816	1988
Merrimack School District	Education	800	
Anheuser-Busch, Inc.	Malt beverages	531	1991
Kollman Instrument Company	Electra optics	500	1991
Brookstone, Inc.	Mail order marketer/retailer	256	
St. Gobain	PTFE coated fabrics	253	1984
Town of Merrimack	Municipal services	215	1746
GT Solar, Inc.	Equipment for photovoltaic & semiconductor industries	150	1995

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	3
	State Routes	101A
Nearest Interstate, Exit	Everett Tpk., Exit 11; I-293, Exit 3	
Distance	2 miles; 7 miles	
Railroad	Boston & Maine	
Public Transportation	No	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Boire Field, Nashua	Runway	5,501 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	10 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		8
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		11 miles
Portland, Maine		105 miles
Boston, Mass.		51 miles
New York City, NY		242 miles
Montreal, Quebec		269 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK

(US Census Bureau)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	87.5%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	7.8%
Public transportation	0.2%
Walked	0.5%
Other means	0.5%
Worked at home	3.5%
Mean Travel Time to Work	25.6 minutes
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	24%
Commuting to another NH community	61%
Commuting out-of-state	16%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
X	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
X	Swimming: Indoor Facility
X	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
X	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
X	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
X	Cinemas
X	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
X	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): McIntyre
	Other: Anheuser-Busch Tours